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For: CRF RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS AND METHODS RELATING THERETO

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2002, in connection with the above captioned patent application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments provided below.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 7-18.

Please amend claim 6, the clean version which is provided below.

6. (amended once)

The method of claim 5 wherein the disorder is stroke.

REMARKS

Upon entry of amendments, claims 4-6 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3 and 7-18 have been canceled without prejudice to their presentation in a continuing or divisional application. Claim 6 has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added.

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 14, 2002, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group V as defined in the restriction requirement solely for